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Urban Population
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Will the Minister of URBAN DEVELOPMENT be pleased to state:

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(a) whether the Government is aware of overcrowding/over-population in majority of urban areas in the country including in Delhi and Mumbai and if so, the details thereof and the reasons therefor;

(b) the manner in which the Government is monitoring the density of population in urban areas;

(c) the steps taken/being taken by the Government to decongest over-populated urban areas including Delhi and Mumbai and also to address rural migration to urban areas; and

(d) the reasons for the failure of the plan to decongest Delhi by developing ring towns?

Answer

THE MINISTER OF STATE IN THE MINISTRY OF URBAN DEVELOPMENT
(SHRI BABUL SUPRIYO)

(a): As per Census, 2011, the population of Mumbai and Delhi was 18.41 million and 16.31 million with a density of 19652 and 11320 persons per sq km respectively. Both the cities suffer from overcrowding due to unprecedented migration from rural areas and small and medium towns.

(b): Presently, there is no mechanism of monitoring densities, however, Master Plan of Delhi, 2021 do recommend for redevelopment and densification depending upon the needs for city improvement.

(c): he National Capital Region Plan, 2021 and Regional Plan for Mumbai Metropolitan Region, 2011 are the efforts towards decentralization of economic activities from Mumbai and Delhi to satellite towns by focusing on strengthening the urban infrastructure in them.

(d): The unprecedented migration has been seen as a major reason for not decongesting the two mega cities.

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